



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Confirmation No.: 3457

**OIKAWA et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1773

Appln. No.: 09/808,427

Examiner: Nikolas J. UHLIR

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Title: PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING  
FERROMAGNETIC RECORDING LAYER

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**AMENDMENT**

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is being presented in the REVISED FORMAT suggested for use in the Official Gazette of February 25, 2003.

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2002, please amend this application as set forth herein.